IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 2 and 6 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an image display device, comprising the steps of:

fixing ~~the end of the length~~ opposite ends of a plate spacer to a first substrate while disposing the plate spacer on ~~the~~ a surface of the first substrate such that ~~the~~ a length of the plate spacer is parallel to the surface of the first substrate ~~and~~; and

tightly bonding the first substrate and a second substrate together through the plate spacer while disposing the second substrate to face the first substrate having the plate spacer fixed thereto[[;]],

wherein the method further comprises the step of forming a space between the plate spacer and the surface of the first substrate between the process of fixing the plate ~~space~~ spacer to the first substrate and the process of bonding the first substrate and the second substrate together.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the process of forming a space is performed by ~~the deformation of~~ deforming the first substrate.

3. (Original) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 1, wherein the process of forming a space is performed by an elastic member provided at the end of the plate spacer.

4. (Original) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 3, wherein the elastic member is made of a shape-memory alloy.

5. (Original) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 1, wherein in the process of fixing the plate spacer to the first substrate, a tension acting along the length of the plate spacer is loaded on the plate spacer in advance.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an image display device, comprising the steps of:

fixing ~~the end of the length~~ opposite ends of a plate spacer to a first substrate while disposing the plate spacer on ~~the~~ a surface of the first substrate such that ~~the~~ a length of the plate spacer is parallel to the surface of the first substrate and forming a space between ~~the~~ a center of the plate spacer and the first substrate; and

tightly bonding the first substrate and a second substrate together through the plate spacer while disposing the second substrate to face the first substrate having the plate spacer fixed thereto[[;]],

wherein the method further comprises the step of carrying the first substrate having the plate spacer fixed thereto between the process of fixing the plate space to the first substrate and the process of bonding the first substrate and the second substrate together.

7. (Original) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 6, wherein the process of fixing the end of the length of the plate spacer to

the first substrate is performed by bonding the support member provided at the end of the plate spacer to the first substrate.

8. (Original) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 7, wherein the support member is an elastic member.

9. (Original) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 6, wherein in the process of fixing the longitudinal end of the plate spacer to the first substrate, a tension acting along the length of the plate spacer is loaded on the plate spacer in advance.

Please add Claims 10-14 as follows.

10. (New) A method for manufacturing an image display device, comprising the steps of:

providing a first substrate with an electron emission source;

providing a second substrate having imaging means;

fixing opposite ends of a plate spacer to the first substrate while disposing the plate spacer on a surface of the first substrate such that a length of the plate spacer is parallel to a surface of the first substrate;

forming a space between the plate spacer and the surface of the first substrate; and

bonding the first substrate, the second substrate and side walls together and forming a vacuum image display device.

11. (New) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 10, wherein the process of forming a space is performed by deforming the first substrate.

12. (New) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 10, wherein the process of forming a space is performed by providing an elastic member at each end of the plate spacer.

13. (New) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 10, wherein the elastic member is made of a shape-memory alloy.

14. (New) A method for manufacturing an image display device according to Claim 10, wherein in the process of fixing the plate spacer to the first substrate, a tension acting along the length of the plate spacer is loaded on the plate spacer in advance.